



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Regular Session of City Council City of Wells

The Wells City Council convened in regular session on Monday, March 28, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, Council Chambers. Mayor Ron Gaines called the meeting to order with the following council members and employees present: Councilmember Jim Durfee, Councilmember Ann Marie Schuster and Councilmember Ashley Seedorf. Councilmember Steve Burns was absent. Employees present: Street Supervisor Janie Whim, Police Chief Jim Ratelle, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and City Administrator Jeremy Germann. Mayor Gaines led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

AGENDA:

The agenda for the March 28, 2011 council meeting was reviewed with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Gaines opened a public hearing concerning the 2011 Street Improvement Project. Dean Stille, David Meyer, Richard Roberts, Robert Zimny, Tim Orbell, Ray Dickman, Carmen Meyer, Joan Meyer, and Adam Neubauer discussed the project. Mayor Gaines closed the hearing after public comment had concluded.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on March 14, 2011 were reviewed with Councilmember Seedorf making a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. The minutes should state:

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for March 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. Councilmember Durfee made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Meeting adjourned.

Councilmember Schuster seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The bill list was reviewed in the amount of \$57,894.66 with Councilmember Durfee making a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion.

Discussion held on a \$4,358.45 bill from the State of Minnesota. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Monthly financial reports were reviewed including revenue & expenditures 2011 statement, and balances & receipts with Councilmember Schuster making a motion to accept as presented. Councilmember Durfee seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Monthly financial reports were reviewed including overtime hours accrued, comp-time accumulated, building permits & report, and liquor store comparison with Councilmember Durfee making a motion to accept the reports as presented. Councilmember Seedorf seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Street Supervisor Whim gave a status report for the Street Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tri-City Sewer Board representative Bob Schultz discussed how rates are set.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2011-11: A RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

City council set a special council meeting for April 4, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in City Hall.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2011-12: A RESOLUTION FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF WELLS. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Chief Ratelle gave a status report for the Police Department.

EMPLOYEES:

Administrator Germann: Nothing

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaines: Nothing

Councilmember Durfee: Thanked the residents of Tenth Street SE and Seventh Street SW for their cooperation and positive feedback.

Councilmember Schuster: Discussed setting a time for a Street & Sewer Committee meeting and a time for city council begin work sessions.

Councilmember Seedorf: Discussed a public nuisance caused by unleashed animals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations as deemed permissible by Minnesota Statute §13D.03 MEETINGS FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY. Councilmember Seedorf made the motion with a second from Councilmember Durfee. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

(CLOSED SESSION)

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to reopen the council meeting. Councilmember Durfee made the motion to go into open session as required under Minnesota Statute §13D with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. No action was taken in closed session.

Mayor Gaines asked for a motion to adopt revised language to the AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WELLS AND INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 49, AFL-CIO, JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013 under subsection 15.2 by the addition of MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, CITY OF WELLS, INTERNATIONAL UNION OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL NO. 49, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2011 AND EXPERATION MARCH 1, 2012 and the addition of ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WELLS AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL NO. 49 EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2011. Councilmember Durfee made the motion with a second from Councilmember Schuster. Roll call taken with Durfee, Schuster and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for April 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells Community Center. Councilmember Durfee made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Seedorf. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Ron Gaines

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann